



NATO ISR Interoperability Architecture (NIIA) and STANAG 4545 Update

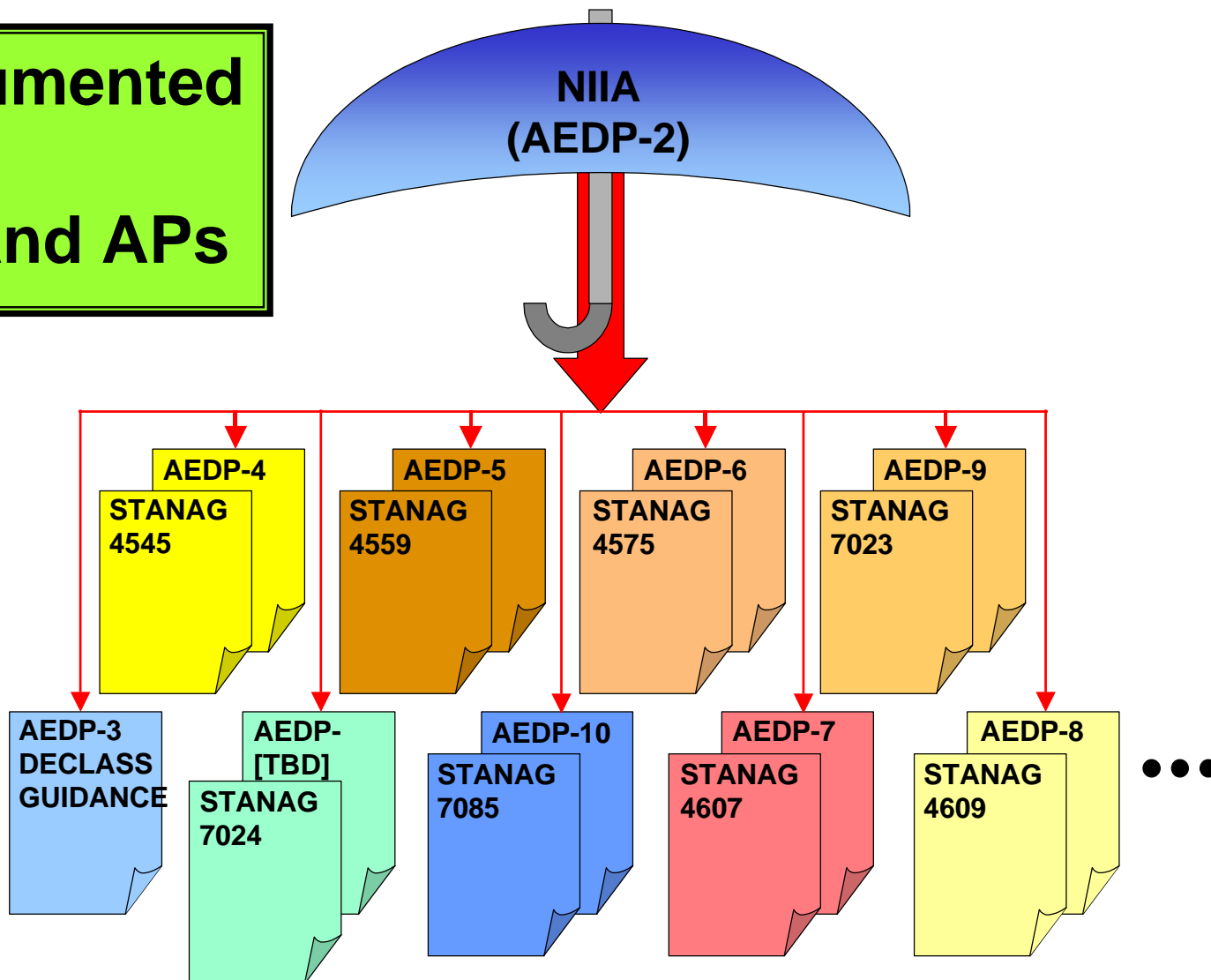
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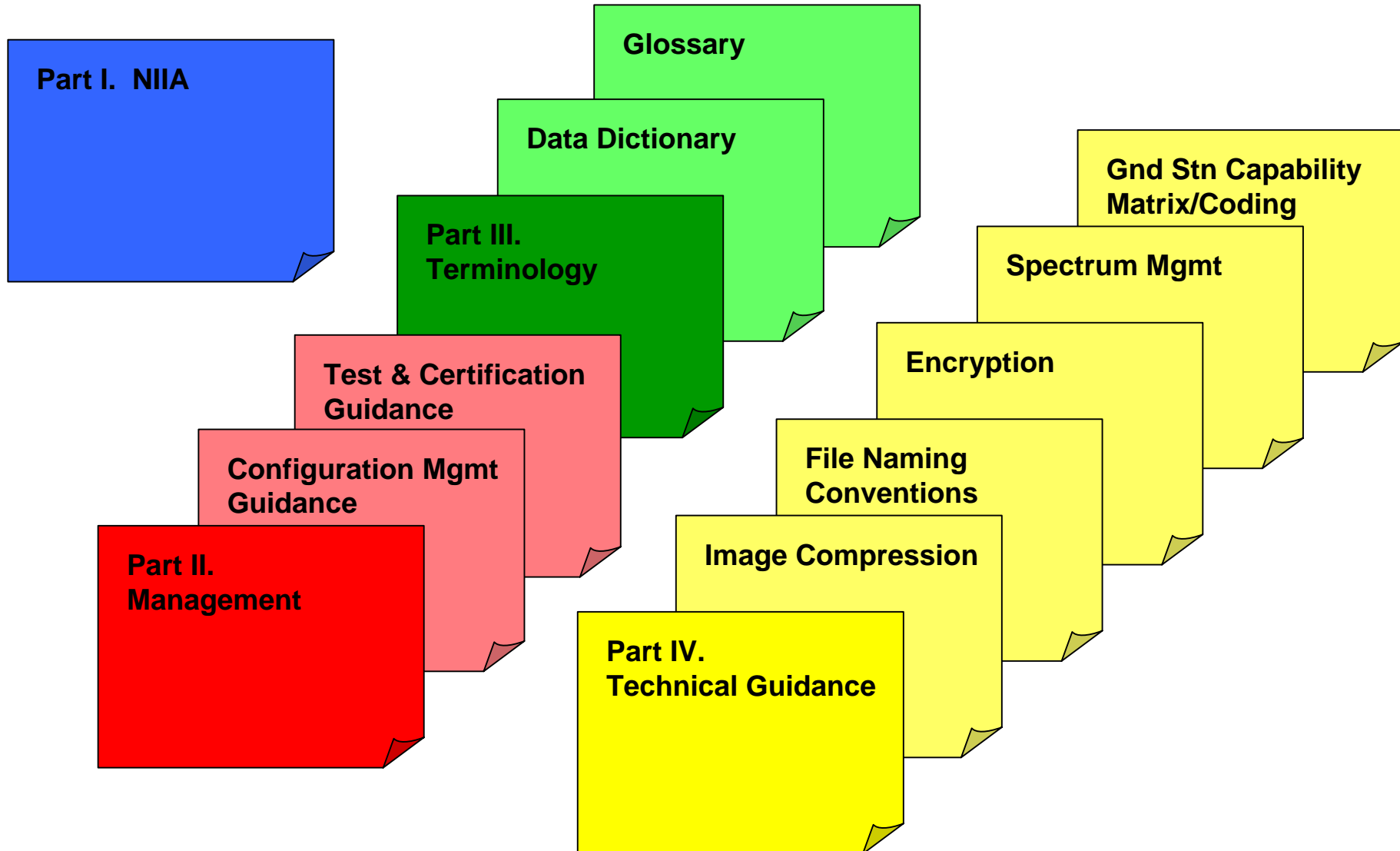
NIIA Documentation

**NIIA Is Documented
In Family Of
STANAGs And APs**





NIIA (AEDP-2) Structure





NIIA STANAGs



- **Data Format Standards**

- STANAG 4545, NATO Secondary Image Format
 - NITF 2.1
- STANAG 4607, NATO GMTI Format
 - Common GMTI Format
- STANAG 4609, NATO Motion Imagery Format
 - NIMA Motion Imagery Standard Profile 2.0A
- STANAG 7023, NATO Primary Imagery Format
 - Streaming Real Time Imagery
 - Not Used In US, Yet

- **Recorder Standards**

- STANAG 7024, ISR Wideband Tape Recorders
 - DCRsi & ID-1 Tape Recorders
- STANAG 4575, NATO Advanced Data Storage Interface

- **Library Standard**

- STANAG 4559, NATO Standard Imagery Library Interface
 - NIMA Geospatial And Imagery Access Services (GIAS)

- **Data Link Standard**

- STANAG 7085, NATO Wideband ISR Data Links
 - Common Data Link (CDL)

**Interoperability Not Based Just on Standards Adoption -
Interoperability Depends on Test and Certification of Adopted
Standards AND Implementation In National Systems**



NIIA Status



- **NIIA Document (AEDP-2) Completed And In Final Review**
 - Will Be Approved At ISRIWG Management Team Meeting In Brussels 29-30 June
 - Then Forwarded To National AG IV Reps For Approval Under 30-Day Silence Procedures
 - Expect To Be Formally Published (Promulgated) As AEDP-2 By End Of Calendar Year 2004
- **Scope Of NIIA Includes All Of ISR, Not Just Imagery**
 - Added Initial Inputs On ELINT
 - Will Be Evaluating More SIGINT Inputs From EE AHWG
 - Considering Other INTs, Including HUMINT



NIIA Adoption

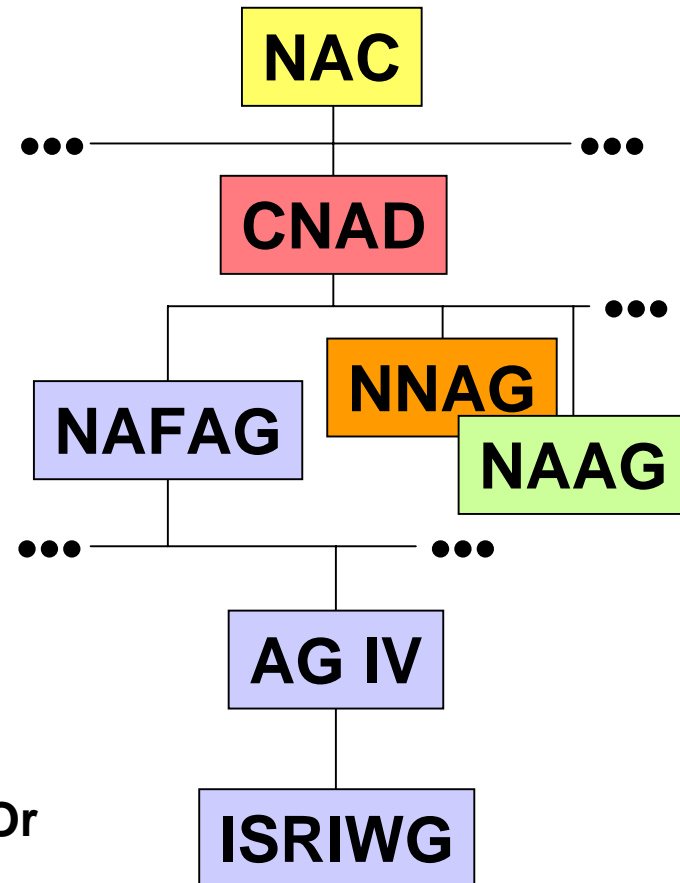
- **Architecture Approved By Numerous NATO Organizations**
 - UAV Community
 - NSA/ARP
 - NC3B
 - Incorporated Into NATO C3 Technical Architecture
- **Being Adopted By AGS3 And NC3A For NATO-Wide ISR Architecture**
 - AGS Program Is Continuing To Receive High Level Attention
- **Numerous Nations Also Adopting NIIA For Respective National Architecture**
- **Key To Future Interoperability Is Incorporation Of Applicable Standards Into National Systems**



NIIA High Level Attention



- **Conference Of National Armaments Directors Has Endorsed NIIA As NATO's ISR Architecture**
- **CNAD Established New AHWG On Jointness**
 - Directed That Joint ISR Be Considered For New Subgroup Under CNAD
 - Working To Incorporate NIIA Into Joint ISR WG Planning
- **CNAD Will Host ISR Day At 28-29 Oct Meeting**
 - Inviting Industry To Provide Displays And/Or Presentations





NIIA Demonstrations



- **CNAD And NAFAG Focusing On Demonstrating Benefit Of Architecture In Operational Environment**
- **Two Levels Of Demonstrations**
 - Developmental Tests (Validation And Certification) Will Be Managed By AG IV, Custodians, And ISRIWG
 - Operational Tests Will Be Managed At NAFAG Level
- **Expect To Have Major Demonstrations Each Year**
 - Empire Challenge '04 Is Limited Demonstration Of Cross Processing Of Sensor Imagery With UK And Australia
 - Trial Hammer '05 Will Demonstrate SIGINT Support To Time Critical Targeting/SEAD
 - Trial Quest '06 Will Be Broader Demonstration Of NIIA Interoperability In Major Exercise



MH TST



- **First Meeting Held In Hastings UK On 6 February 2004**
 - Next Meeting Is 19 July 04 In Colorado Springs CO
- **Team Will Provide Inputs To ISO 19115-2 On Behalf Of NATO And Member Nations**
 - Develop STANAG Supplement If Required
- **Work To Be Applicable To Entire ISR Data Flow**
 - Tasking To Collection To Exploitation To User
 - All Types Of ISR Data - IMINT, ELINT, COMINT, MASINT, Etc
- **Likely To Follow ISO Lead Using XML/UML For Definitions**
- **Will Continue To Follow Developments In Multi-Data Type “Wrappers” In Separate Group**



STANAG 4545



- **NATO Secondary Image Format (NSIF)**
 - Virtually Identical To U.S. NITF
 - Currently At Edition 1, Amendment 1
 - Adding Approved Changes With Errata Sheets Posted On NATO Web
[\[www.nato.int/structur/AC/224/ag4/4545/4545.htm\]](http://www.nato.int/structur/AC/224/ag4/4545/4545.htm)
- **NSIF CST Reviewing NITF Change Proposals To Maintain Consistency - Last Meeting 5 Feb 04 - Next 23 Jul In CO**
- **Way Ahead Is To Migrate To Profile Of ISO Standard, Basic Image Interchange Format (BIIF)**
 - Profile Defines Specific Implementation Of BIIF To Meet STANAG 4545 Rqmts
 - Will Update Profile To Include Recent Changes
 - Reissue STANAG 4545 As Edition 2, Which Points To Profile
- **J2K And CGM Profiles Approved By 4545 CST**
 - Submitted By NATO (UK For The 4545 CST)
 - Need To Identify CM Process For These And Other “Shared” Documents



STANAG 4545 CST



- **Examining Additional Capabilities Required In Next Edition**
 - New Sensor Configurations (e.g. More Capabilities, GMTI)
 - New Extensions
 - EXIF Conversions
- **Developing AEDP-4 As Implementation Guide For NSIF Community**
 - STANAG Implementation Guidance
 - Sample Implementation
 - NSIF Test Criteria
 - Approved Extensions For Use In NATO - Subset Of STDI-0002 And DIGEST
 - STANAG 4545/AEDP-4 Configuration Management Plan
- **Implementation Guidance For Extensions Provided On NATO Web**



NITF RFC Status In NATO - 1



RFC NTB-001	Image Data Mask & IMODE Values	<i>In Errata Sheet</i>
RFC NTB-002	Correction to Attach Level Description	<i>In Errata Sheet</i>
RFC NTB-003	Corrections to CLEVEL Table	<i>In Errata Sheet</i>
RFC NTB-004	Addition of CLEVEL 09	<i>Next Errata Sheet</i>
RFC NTB-005	Large Block Option	<i>In Errata Sheet</i>

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NITF RFC Status In NATO - 2



RFC NTB-006	Handling Unknown Date/Time Values^{*1}	<i>Next Errata Sheet</i>
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RFC NTB-007	Spectral Data Single Band	<i>JITC To Delete Prop</i>
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RFC NTB-008	Spectral Data Single Pixel Array	<i>Next Errata Sheet</i>
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RFC NTB-009	J2K Document Refs	<i>Next Errata Sheet (Combined In 1 RFC)</i>
RFC NTB-010	J2K COMRAT, IREP, IMODE	
RFC NTB-011	J2K NBPP, PVTTYPE	
RFC NTB-012	J2K CLEVEL Constraints	

Note 1: Recommended changing seconds range to 0-60 to allow for leap seconds.

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NITF RFC Status In NATO - 3



RFC NTB-013	ISUBCATn Field Labels for Spectral Data	<i>JITC To Delete Prop</i>
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RFC NTB-014	Misc Admin/Editorial Corrections	<i>Next Errata Sheet</i>
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RFC NTB-015	Many-to-One TRE- OVERFLOW DES	<i>JITC To Delete Prop</i>
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RFC NTB-016	RGB with Greater Than 8-bpp/band	<i>Next Errata Sheet</i>
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RFC NTB-017	More DESs At Higher CLEVELs	<i>Being Considered</i>
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NITF RFC Status In NATO - 4



RFC NTB-018	Add Masking For Elev & Location Grids	<i>Being Considered</i>
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RFC NTB-019	CLEVEL Table For Vectors/Polar Coords	<i>Being Considered</i>
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RFC NTB-020	Make BILEVEL Comp Optional	<i>Next Errata Sheet</i>
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[TBD]	Define Country Codes As Examples^{*2}	<i>Being Considered</i>
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[TBD]	Allow SI Values For SAR And SARIQ^{*2}	<i>Being Considered</i>
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Note 2: 4545 AST Will Prepare Equivalent RFCs For 2500B/NITF.

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NIIA Conclusions



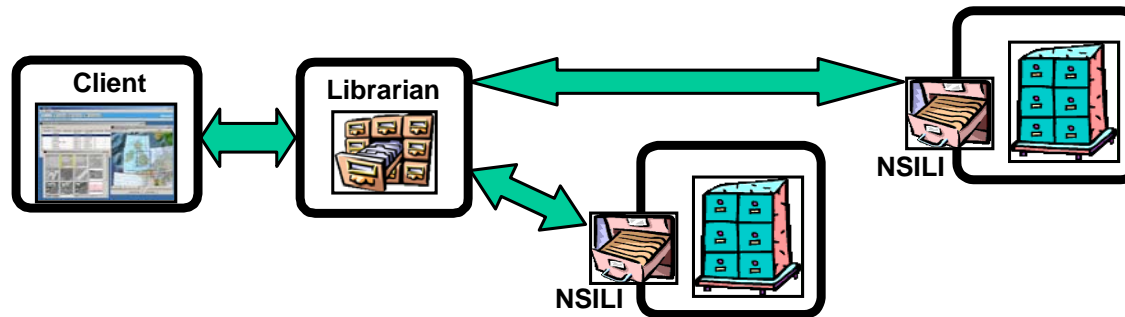
- **NIIA Applies Across The ISR Board**
 - To Both Article 5 And Non-Article 5 Operations
 - To All Sources Of Intelligence, Surveillance, And Reconnaissance (ISR) Data (IMINT, SIGINT, MASINT, Etc.)
 - To Both Manned And Unmanned Platforms
- **NIIA Is Documented In Family Of STANAGs And APs**
- **New Work Item Focuses On Developing Common Metadata Definitions For ISR Data**
- **Continuing To Coordinate With NITF Changes**
- **Any Questions?**







STANAG 4559



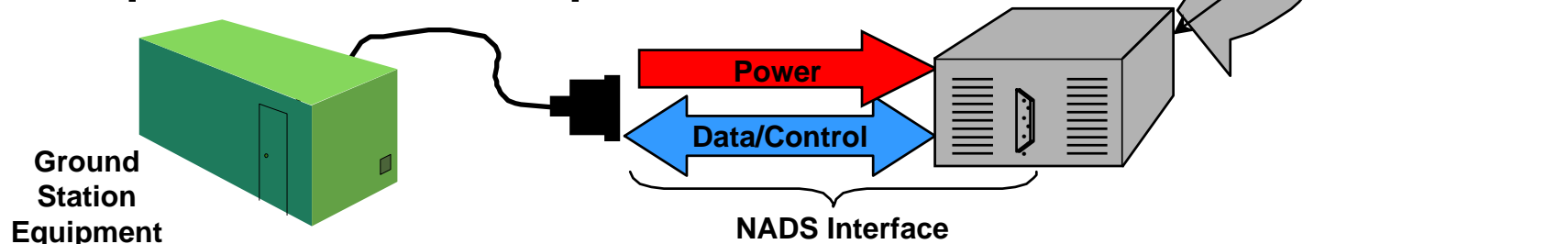
- **NATO Standard Image Library Interface (NSILI)**
 - Based On Subset Of U.S. GIAS Standard
 - Provides The Client/Server Connectivity For Multiple Library Searches For NSIF/NITF Images
- **Current Tasks Include Expansion Of Capabilities**
 - Add Library Write Capabilities
 - Add Multiple Data Types
 - Migrate Toward Web-Based Browser Access
- **Developing AEDP-5 As Implementation Guide**



STANAG 4575



- **NATO Advanced Data Storage Interface (NADSI)**
- **Provides Interface Between Any Recorder Technology And Ground Stations**
 - Disk, Solid State Memory, Other
 - Complete Units Or Separable Memory Modules
- **Based On Commercial Fibre Channel Standard And SCSI-III Commands**
 - Fibrechannel Provides Networking Capability
 - Simple File Structure To Allow Intelligent Access To Data
- **STANAG (Ed 1, Amd 1) Ratified And Promulgated**
- **Developed AEDP-6 For Implementation Guide**

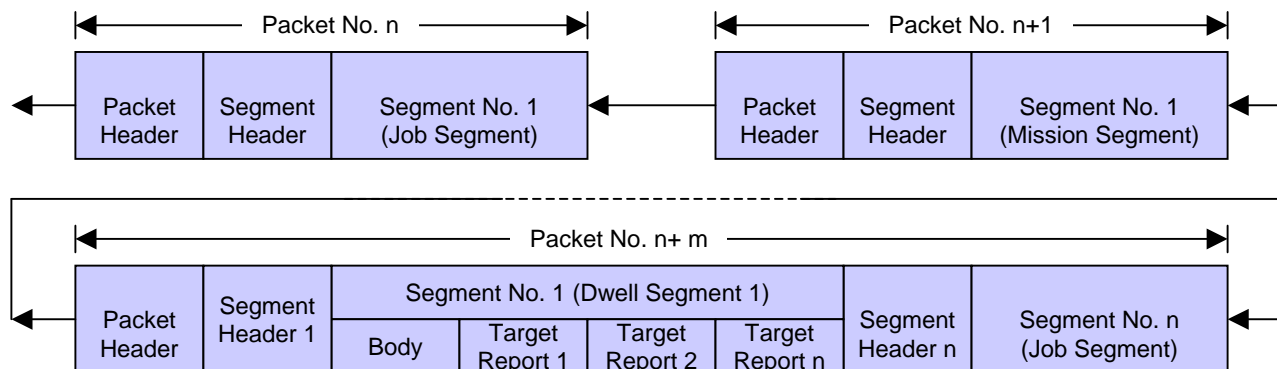




STANAG 4607



- **NATO Ground Moving Target Indicator Format (GMTI)**
- **Provides Scalable Format For Transmission Of GMTI Data**
 - Low Bandwidth To Wideband Systems
 - Simple GMTI “Hits” To HRR
- **STANAG Is Ratified - Expect Promulgation By End Of Calendar Year 2004**
- **Continuing To Review Additional Capabilities**
 - SBR, Tracks, Additional Flexibility, Encapsulation In 4545 And 7023
- **Developing AEDP-7 As Implementation Guide**

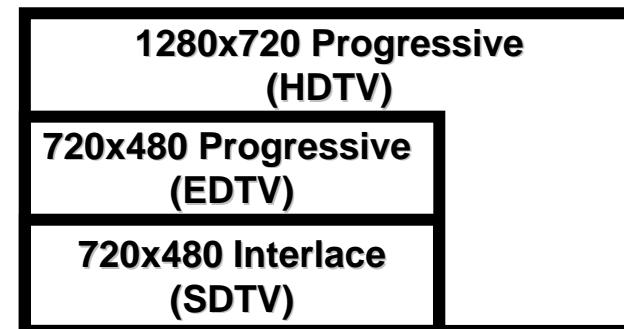
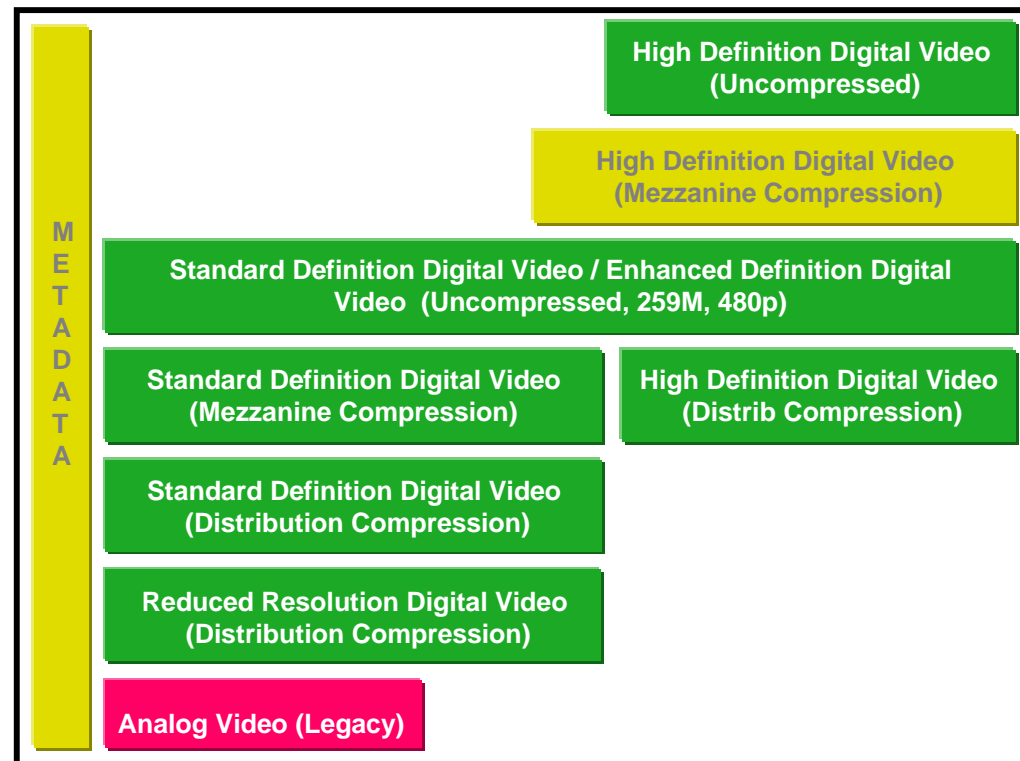




STANAG 4609



- **NATO Digital Motion Imagery Format**
- **Defines MPEG-2 Transport Stream And Components As Standard For NATO**
- **STANAG Is In Initial Ratification Process**
 - Expect Ratification By End Of 2004
- **Current Tasks Include Development Of AEDP-8 As Implementation Guide**

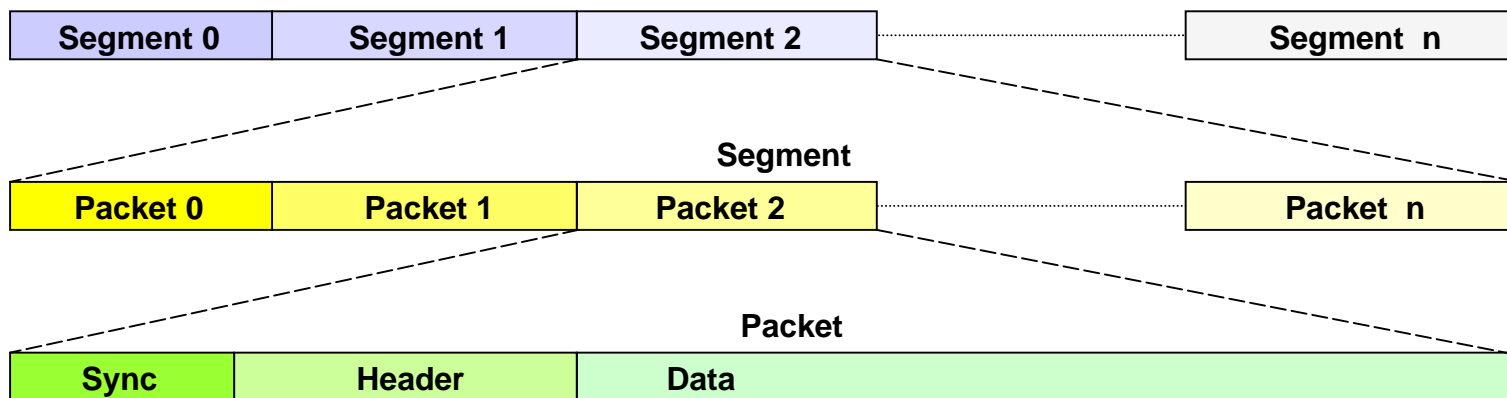




STANAG 7023



- **NATO Primary Image Format (NPIF)**
- **Self-Describing Format Intended For Real Time Streaming ISR Data**
 - Edition 2 Is Ratified And Promulgated
 - Edition 3 Is Ratified And In Promulgation Process
- **Current Work Includes Adding More Capability**
- **Developing AEDP-9 As Implementation Guide**





STANAG 7024



- **NATO ISR Tape Recorder Standard**
- **Defines S-VHS, DCRsi, and ANSI ID-1 As Recording Standards**
- **Standard Is Mature - Formats In Wide Use**
- **Expect ISR Systems To Migrate Away From Tape Systems Due To Performance/Cost Issues**
- **Custodian Developing Guide For Handling And Storage Of Magnetic Tapes**
 - **Mishandling Of Media Has Resulted In Lost Mission Data**



AMPEX
DCRsi



STANAG 7085



- **NATO Wideband ISR Data Link Standard**
- **Contains Analog And Digital Links**
 - Analog Link Not Currently Used
 - Current Digital Link Is Compatible With U.S. CDL
 - Placeholder For Broadcast Link
- **Custodian Rewriting Standard**
 - U.S. CDL
 - DVB-S For Low Cost Applications
- **Developing Set Of Profiles To Reduce Number Of Combinations Of The Parameters Of CDL**
- **Developing AEDP-10 As Implementation And Test/Certification Guide**

